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For: DENTAL CROWN FORMS AND METHODS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2009, please consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of pending claims 1-18 and 68-73 are respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Claims 1 and 2 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kahn (U.S. Patent No. 3,949,476). Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection.

As discussed in Applicants' previous responses, each and every element of the claim must be found in a single prior art reference for a claim to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102, (M.P.E.P. § 2131). The anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 must be withdrawn because Kahn does not teach each and every element recited in independent claim 1.

Among other things, independent claim 1 recites a dental crown form including hardenable dental material for forming a dental crown located within the tooth-shaped volume.